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# H. R. 3941

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2007

Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Bridge Spending Ac-  
5       countability, Flexibility, and Efficiency Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY FOR STATES WITH STRUCTURALLY DE-**  
2 **FICIENT BRIDGES.**

3 Section 117 of title 23, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (c)  
6 and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) as sub-  
7 sections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively  
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(j) SPECIAL RULE FOR STATES WITH STRUC-  
11 TURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES.—Notwithstanding any  
12 other provision of this section, if, on the date of enactment  
13 of this subsection, a State has within its boundaries a  
14 structurally deficient bridge, that State may obligate all  
15 or any portion of the funds made available, before, on,  
16 or after such date of enactment, to carry out a project  
17 described in section 1702 of Safe, Accountable, Flexible,  
18 Efficient Transportation Equity: A Legacy for Users (119  
19 Stat. 1256) for any other project or activity eligible for  
20 assistance under this title.”.

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